

***Remarks***

Applicant respectfully requests that this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment be entered by the Examiner.

The above-captioned patent application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/667,423, filed September 21, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,622,130, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/000,264, filed May 15, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,157,918, which is a 371 of International Application No. PCT/AU96/00420 filed July 5, 1996. This priority claim is consistent with the application as originally filed, including the declaration and Application Data Sheet (ADS). However, in the Preliminary Amendment co-filed with the present application, Applicant inadvertently failed to mention the priority claim under 35 U.S.C. §371 to International Application No. PCT/AU96/00420. This was in error. Furthermore, Applicant again inadvertently failed to mention the 371 priority claim in a subsequently filed Supplemental Preliminary Amendment.

Applicant has amended the Specification herein in order to correct the priority claim. Additionally, Applicant has filed herewith a new Application Data Sheet (ADS).

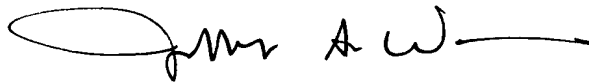
The USPTO recognized the proper 371 priority claim in the official filing receipt that was initially issued. The USPTO removed the 371 priority claim in a filing receipt issued after Applicant filed the above-mentioned Supplemental Preliminary Amendment. Thus, Applicant has filed herewith a Request for Corrected Filing Receipt to properly indicate the 371 priority claim.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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